

Council on Aging Board Meeting  
August 9, 2006

**In Attendance Were:**

Acting Chairman John Concordia, Helen McLaughlin, Tim Swiss, Lillian Goodman, Martin Green. Board members Helene Tanenholtz and Paul Keegan were excused

**1. Chairman's Comments:**

The Acting Chairman opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. The minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted by the board. It was noted that the posting of the date of a meeting be done in a timely way. It must be posted at least two days prior to meeting.

**2 Director's Comments:**

The availability of the software to connect all town departments is still up in the air. Sharon reported on her meeting with The Red Cross as to what part the Senior Center would play in case of a disaster. Because there is no generator and there are no showers we would be considered only for a cooling center. During the recent hot spell the center stayed open beyond regular hours. Twelve people took advantage of this. It was decided that a memorandum listing the Center's available resources be made available and a copy be filed with the minutes. The upcoming retirement of Vicky Pellegrino on August 21 was discussed. The position of Assistant to the Director is a civil service job and must be chosen from the Civil Service list. The position at the Center has become more involved and it was suggested that the job description be changed to better represent the duties of the position. The board will do something for her in recognition of her 20 years of service.

**3 . Liaison Reports**

*Friends of the SCC-* They are working on Jail and Bail for the Shrewsbury Fall Festival  
*Elder Services, Worc./Outreach-Sharon spoke on this*

- a) Meals on Wheels is doing fine
- b) Day care at the Dream Center in Worcester---Van drivers have a concern with the safety of seniors being dropped off at the center. There should be someone meeting and assisting seniors. Our drivers have been backing up to the doorway. It was suggested that the use of the cell phone would help to solve the problem. Drivers could notify center that the van has arrived. Hopefully, there might be a day care center in the Boroughs at some future date.

**4. Old Business**

*Events for the Fall Festival* –There will be a Wellness Exhibit – Wellness of Body and Mind. *The Tax Work Off Program* is going well. Cora Jamieson has been assisting with this. At the present time there are three spots to be filled. Program will be prorated for late comers. There will be a meeting for all candidates.

**5. New Business**

The October Board meeting will be rescheduled due to the conflict of the October 11-13 conference. The third week in October was suggested for the next meeting.

Budget covers expenses for board members to attend the conference. Board members are required to advise Sharon on their choice of workshops prior to the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52

Respectfully submitted

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